



Atrium Health

IMPORTANT

Dear Applicant

Enclosed you will find the Delineation of Privileges Form specific to your specialty. This form reflects the minimum qualifications as outlined and approved by the Atrium Health Medical Staff.

- Please thoroughly review and select your desired clinical privileges. Check the box corresponding to the privileges that you are requesting. Applicants should only request those privileges where the criteria has been achieved.
- After you have selected your privileges, sign, date, and submit the **required documentation** for each privilege selected. (i.e. case logs, fellowship director letter, ACLS documentation)
- Where case logs are required, please include 1) Date of procedure, 2) Medical Record Number, 3) Procedure Type and 4) Privilege Number listed on the Delineation of Privileges Form.
- Privileges for which you have not selected or do not meet the minimum criteria cannot be performed.
- If you wish to perform privileges and do not have documentation of the minimum criteria requirements as outlined on the Delineation of Privileges Form, you will need to request permission to proctor through Medical Staff Services.
- Failure to return the Delineation of Privileges Form along with the required documentation will **delay** your start date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Medical Staff Services teammate assigned to your file.

ATRIUM HEALTH

**ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER
REGISTERED NURSE FIRST ASSISTANT, SURGICAL ASSISTANT REGISTERED NURSE, CERTIFIED SURGICAL ASSISTANT, CERTIFIED
SURGICAL FIRST ASSIST**

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATION:

1. The Advanced Practice Provider (APP) is a skilled member of the health care team who is qualified by academic and clinical education and experience to provide patient services as an APP under the supervision of a member(s) of the Medical and Dental Staff of Atrium Health in accordance with the Bylaws of the Medical and Dental Staff.
2. He/she shall assist in the implementation of the health care plan and the management of patients by performing diagnostic and therapeutic tasks as defined and approved by the Board and authorized under applicable law.
3. For purposes of this form, APP shall mean a "Dependent Practitioner" defined as a health care professional other than physicians or dentists, who is approved by the Board, who is licensed or certified by his/her respective licensing or certifying agencies, and who provides service under the supervision of a physician who is currently appointed to the Medical and Dental Staff of Atrium Health.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP:

1. The APP shall only exercise those clinical privileges maintained by the supervising physician(s) and approved by the Board. The APP may also assist the residents assigned to the Department of Surgery in the performance of their duties and responsibilities as assigned by their supervising physician. The APP shall notify the supervising physician of all cases of acute and severe distress, serious nature (life- or limb-threatening), or whenever the patient wishes to see a physician or has unanswered questions.
2. The APP shall perform all privileges in accordance with all laws and regulations pertaining to the scope of practice for his or her health profession. The APP shall wear a nametag identifying him/herself as an APP and introduce him/herself as an APP, and shall at no time imply, state, or lead one to believe that he/she is a physician.
3. The APP must conduct all duties and responsibilities in accordance with departmental and hospital policies and procedures.
4. A nurse or secretary who receives an order from an APP for medication(s), laboratory or radiological studies, and/or treatment is authorized to perform that order as if it were received from a physician.
5. The supervising physician(s) must sign the Delineation of Privileges form of the APP, accepting responsibility for appropriate supervision, and shall intervene and directly assume the care of any patient when requested by the patient or the APP, required by hospital policies and procedures, or when in the interest of patient care. The supervising physician(s) shall co-sign entries on the medical records of patients seen or treated by the APP as required by hospital policies and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The APP shall maintain qualifications as specified in the POLICY ON CLINICAL PRIVILEGES FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS. His/her past experience and training shall be commensurate with the privileges requested.
2. The scope of duties and responsibilities of the APP shall be delineated on an approved Delineation of Privileges form and approved by the Board.

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QUALIFICATION – continued:

3. The Supervising Physician shall delegate only tasks and procedures to his or her APP which are within or contemplated by the clinical privileges granted to the Supervising Physician by the Medical Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners and which the APP has been approved to perform. It is understood that the supervision of an APP shall never be transferred to a physician who is not currently a fully appointed member of Atrium Health Medical and Dental Staff.
4. If the Medical and Dental Staff appointment or Clinical Privileges of the Sponsoring Physician are resigned, revoked or terminated, the APP's permission to practice shall automatically terminate and his or her clinical privileges shall be automatically relinquished.

SUPERVISION:

Except where the Delineation of Privileges form provides for Personal Supervision or Proximate Supervision, General Supervision (as defined below) will be required for all tasks and procedures performed by the APP.

1. "General Supervision" shall mean the procedure is furnished under the supervising physician's overall direction and control, but the physician is not required to be present during the procedure. General Supervision requires the performance of tasks and procedures in a manner that is consistent with state law, the applicable standard of care, Medical and Dental Staff Bylaws and hospital policies and procedures, but does not require Personal Supervision or Proximate Supervision, as those terms are defined below.
2. "Proximate Supervision" shall mean the physical presence of a sponsoring/supervising physician in the hospital, in close proximity and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction to the APP as needed.
3. "Personal Supervision" shall mean the physical presence of a sponsoring/supervising physician in the room with the APP during the performance of a procedure.

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DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES FORM
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	YES		NO*	I have participated in direct patient care in the hospital setting within the past two (2) years.
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***If the answer is No, please do not complete this form. Contact your Medical Staff Services Coordinator for additional instructions regarding the required proctoring process.**

- Initial appointment** **Reappointment** **Updated DOP/Sponsoring Physician Change**

To be eligible for First Assist core privileges, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:

- If the applicant completed their training program in the past two (2) years, the applicant must:
1. Provide documentation of a current, unrestricted license as a registered nurse in this state, and provide documentation of successful completion of an accredited Nurse First Assist or Surgical Assistant Nurse program where you participated in direct patient care in the hospital setting. **OR** Provide documentation of successful completion of an accredited Surgical First Assist program where you participated in direct patient care in the hospital setting;
 2. Verification from the program director that the Applicant successfully completed the program. Experience must include evidence of current clinical competence during the past two (2) years. The Applicant has the burden of producing information deemed adequate by the Hospital for a proper evaluation of current competence, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts; **OR**
 2. If you are unable to provide current clinical competence during the past two (2) years, check the applicable core privilege "Proctoring Requested" box(s) to indicate to your Medical Staff Services Coordinator that you require proctoring. You must provide documentation of proctoring for fifteen (15) encounters related to First Assist Core Privileges.
- If the applicant completed their training program greater than two (2) years ago, the applicant must:
1. Demonstrate that he/she has provided inpatient services for at least fifteen (15) patients, for services directly related to the First Assist Core Privileges requested, during the past two (2) years in an accredited hospital or healthcare facility; **OR**
 1. Check the applicable core privilege "Proctoring Requested" box(s) to indicate to your Medical Staff Services Coordinator that you require proctoring. You must provide documentation of proctoring for fifteen (15) encounters related to First Assist Core Privileges.

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NOTE 1: "CORE" privileges cannot be amended or altered in any way.

NOTE 2: Advanced Practice Providers must apply for "CORE" privileges in order to be eligible for special procedure clinical privileges at any facility within Atrium Health.

NOTE 3: Please note that the exercise of certain privileges enumerated herein is necessarily limited by the operational and resource constraints of the facility. All procedures must be performed within a clinical setting with the capabilities and organizational structure required to provide appropriate support.

NOTE 4: If you are unable to meet the competency criteria defined by the Medical and Dental Staff for core and/or special privileges, you will need to request permission to proctor by selecting the applicable proctoring box(s) below. Proctoring is required for privileges when an applicant/appointee does not meet the initial qualifications or reappointment criteria.

CMC	Pineville	University City	Carolinas Rehab	Lincoln	Cabarrus	Union	Stanly	Anson	Cleveland	FIRST ASSISTANT CORE PRIVILEGES	Proctoring Requested
										CAPP-FA-1 Perform pre-operative and post-operative patient assessments, patient education and discharge planning; first assisting in surgery for patients within the age group seen by the sponsoring physician(s). The Advanced Practice Provider may not admit patients to the hospital but may initiate/place orders on behalf of the supervising physician.	

The Advanced Practice Provider may, in consultation with the supervising physician, perform the following duties: assisting with the positioning, prepping and draping of the patient or may perform these tasks independently as directed by the surgeon(s); communicating the surgeon's preferences and specific patient needs to surgical team; managing all instruments in the operative field to prevent obstruction of the surgeon's view; providing intraoperative skills such as visualization, trocar insertion, injection of local anesthetics, hemostasis, tissue handling, placement and securing of wound drains, and closure of body planes; proficiency in technical skills required during a surgical procedure, including, but not limited to, clamping, cauterizing, epidermal and dermal suturing, inserting, injecting, manipulating, retracting, cutting, suctioning, sponging, and ligating tissue as necessary; utilizing appropriate suturing techniques, according to surgeon preference, to close an epidermal or dermal incision at the end of the procedure; preparation of grafts; providing postoperative skills in patient care such as applying dressings to surgical wounds, assisting with applying casts, splints and various other immobilization, patient transfer and transport, transfer of care, and monitoring for immediate complications; collaborating with others to provide continuity of care;

REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED CORE PRIVILEGES (CAPP-FA-1):
 The APP must submit a minimum of ten (10) cases over the past two (2) years based on acceptable results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes to reapply for current special privileges. This will be reviewed at the time of reappointment. If you are unable to meet the required case volume, indicate so to your Medical Staff Services Coordinator who can assist you with the permission to proctor process.

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CMC	Pineville	University City	CR	Lincoln	Cabarrus	Union	Stanly	Anson	Cleveland	SPECIAL PROCEDURES					
										Must apply for and maintain First Assist Core Privileges to be eligible.					
										PERSONAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED		Minimum Number Required	Number Performed Within The Past 2 Years	Location	Proctoring Requested
										CAPP-FA-1(a)	Deep Suturing – muscle, facia, and within the body cavity	5			
										CAPP-FA-1(b)	Wound Exploration	5			

REQUIRED COMPETENCY CRITERIA FOR SPECIAL PRIVILEGES (CAPP-FA-1(a,b)):

1. Applicants must present evidence of appropriate training; **AND**
2. Demonstrate current competence and evidence of performance within the past two (2) years of at least the “minimum number required” as indicated above; **OR**
2. Check the applicable privilege “Proctoring Requested” box(s) to indicate to your Medical Staff Services Coordinator that you require proctoring. You must provide documentation of proctoring for at least the “minimum number required” as indicated above.

REAPPOINTMENT CRITERIA FOR CONTINUED PRIVILEGES (CAPP-FA-1(a,b)):

The APP must submit a minimum of two (2) cases, for each special privilege held, over the past two (2) years based on acceptable results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes to reapply for current special privileges. This will be reviewed at the time of reappointment. If you are unable to meet the required case volume, indicate so to your Medical Staff Services Coordinator who can assist you with the permission to proctor process. A maximum of 50% of the cases may be performed in the approved simulation laboratory.

First Assist to Surgeon is defined by the Medical and Dental Staff as:

- Communicating the surgeon’s preferences and specific patient needs to surgical team.
- Positioning the patient to provide the necessary exposure for the procedure, as well as the surgeon preference.
- Providing intraoperative skills such as visualization, trocar insertion, injection of local anesthetics, hemostasis, tissue handling, placement and securing of wound drains, and closure of body planes.
- Proficiency in technical skills required during a surgical procedure, including, but not limited to, clamping, cauterizing, suturing, inserting, injecting, manipulating, retracting, cutting, and ligating tissue as necessary.
- Utilizing appropriate suturing techniques, according to surgeon preference, to close the incision at the end of the procedure.
- Providing postoperative skills in patient care such as applying dressings to surgical wounds, patient transfer and transport, transfer of care, and monitoring for immediate complications.
- Collaborating with others to provide continuity of care.

PRIVILEGES REQUESTED BY:

I attest that I am not currently a user of illegal drugs or do not currently abuse the use of legal drugs.

I attest that I do not have a physical or mental condition which could affect my motor skills or ability to exercise the clinical privileges requested or that I require an accommodation in order to exercise the privileges requested safely and competently.

I attest that the information provided in my initial application or most recent reappointment is accurate and has not changed, specifically the disclosure questions relating to my licensure or registration, clinical privileges, participation in benefit programs, health status, liability, and work history.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed or typed name of Applicant

SPONSORING PHYSICIAN:

Signature of Sponsoring Physician

Date

Printed or typed name of Sponsoring Physician

Signature of Sponsoring Physician

Date

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